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TOPIC Military Information from the Tangerhuette-Bittkau Troop Training Grounds

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On 26 May 1952, about 40 soldiers practiced with eight pneumatic floats on the water training site of the Tangerhuette-Bittkau (II 53/Y 83) troop training grounds. Twenty large amphibious cars and 2 trucks stood on the western bank of the Elbe River near Polte. The camp in the woods was cordoned off. Rifle and submachine gun fire was heard from there. Residents stated that this year, the camp quartered more troops than in the previous year.

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[redacted]. On 13 May, source determined that the target range along the Kotbel-Bittkau road through the woods, which had been used last year, was being reconditioned. Source saw earth mounds shaped like tank turrets with a wooden pole representing the gun. The troops were engaged in the construction of quarters and temporary garages.

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25X1A * [redacted] Comment. The troops were still engaged in establishing and improving their quarters in the middle of May 1952 and started training at the Bittkau engineer training site at the end of May 1952. It was previously assumed that, compared with the last year occupation of the troop training grounds, the occupation had increased this year, and 2,200 to 2,500 troops are believed to be [redacted] 25X1C there.

the 15th Gds Engr Bn of the Third Shock Army, the 890th Indep Engr Bn of the LXXIX Mts Rifle Corps and units of all engineer battalions of the Third Shock Army were identified. The two above mentioned engineer battalions had also been identified in a previous report of 8 May.

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